

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute new
Claims 9-15 therefor as follows:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

9. (New) A device for storing and simultaneously refilling with different colour
inks a cartridge of a colour printhead, comprising:

a container in which are disposed a housing for said cartridge to be refilled and at
least three independent tanks for inks of different colours, each tank being associated
with a feeding member, cooperating with said cartridge for transferring the ink of each
colour from the corresponding tank to said cartridge when said container is in the
operating position, vertical with respect to a horizontal support plane,

said tanks being arranged concentrically in a central position in said container
each of said tanks being suitable for containing a predetermined quantity of
colour ink, collected in a corresponding feeding compartment adjacent to a bottom wall
of said container, and

each of said tanks extending in the direction of a top wall of said container
forming a corresponding back-flow compartment, communicating freely with the
corresponding feeding compartment below, said back-flow compartments being suitable
for receiving said colour inks, when said container is turned over on a side, or upside
down, so that said feeding members emerge from said inks interrupting the feeding of
said cartridge.

10. (New) The device as in claim 9, wherein said tanks have a substantially cylindrical shape, and wherein an outer tank and an intermediate tank of said three tanks are arranged ring-like around a central tank.

11. (New) The device as in claim 9, wherein said back-flow compartments have a substantially cylindrical and concentric shape, and are arranged around said housing of said cartridge.

12. (New) The device as in claim 9, wherein said feeding members comprise three capillary elements of substantially cylindrical shape, disposed in a central position in said container and are inserted in corresponding pipes attached to said housing, each pipe communicating respectively with a corresponding feeding compartment, said capillary elements being adapted for cooperating with said cartridge for transferring said colour ink from each of said feeding compartments to said compartments of said cartridge solely and exclusively when said container is in said vertical operating position.

13. (New) The device as in claim 10, wherein said outer tank and said intermediate tank comprise a first and a second corresponding portion extending partly and laterally under a bottom wall of said central tank, and the lower ends of two of said capillary elements, associated with said outer and intermediate tanks, are immersed respectively in said first and second portion and the lower end of said capillary element associated with said central tank is immersed in a transverse channel communicating with said central tank and disposed on said bottom wall of the container, said channel separating said first lateral portion from said second lateral portion.

14. (New) The device as in claim 9, wherein each of said back-flow compartments presents a volume at least equal to the volume of each of said predetermined quantities of colour ink contained in each of said corresponding feeding compartments.

15. (New) The device as in claim 9, wherein said back-flow compartments, said feeding compartments and said predetermined quantities of colour ink have their respective volumes proportionate in such a way that said feeding members are uncovered by said colour inks, when said container is in any position other than said vertical operating position, so that any dripping and/or running of ink through said feeding members is avoided.